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On 18 August 1952, a field exercise was held 1 km southwest of Linow (N 54/U 41), in the training area north of Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49). It involved 6 JSU-122 guns [redacted] 9 JS-2 tanks [redacted] and 4 trucks in- [redacted] 9 T-34/85 tanks including [redacted] towing 57-mm AT guns. A parking lot with about 50 T-34/85 tanks and JS tanks and trucks [redacted] was situated 1 km south of Guehlen-Glienieke. Twelve T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and about 30 JS-3 tanks [redacted] 5 model M-13 rocket launchers [redacted] and 3 side-car motorcycles with machine guns were on a parking lot 1.5 km west of Bolte- [redacted] muehle. A unit practiced with numerous 120-mm mortars each manned by 4 or 5 men, on Hill No 84 on the northern tip of Tornow Lake. On 19 August, an engineer unit launched an attack across Tornow Lake with five assault boats, each with a machine gun and 16 soldiers. Eighteen T-34/85 tanks [redacted] 39 JSU-122 SP guns [redacted] 10 JS-2 tanks [redacted] trucks [redacted] 47 x 122-mm field howitzers coupled to trucks and 30 x 120-mm mortars, also coupled to trucks, were in a parking lot north of Stendenitz. A motorboat was pulling four pontoons in the southern section of Zermuetzel Lake. Landing stages, 30 meters long, were built of military bridge building equipment. Field howitzers of 122-mm attached to trucks and a jeep were ferried across the lake. Empty engineer vehicles on the western bank [redacted] Jeep [redacted] and 10 trucks towing 122-mm field howitzers were on the eastern bank ready to be ferried across the lake. About 7 T-34/85 tanks and 25 JS tanks were on a parking lot north of the road from Rhangen to Molchow. Twelve JS-3 tanks [redacted] were lined up at the ferry near Nordschleuse Neumuehle. Ten T-34/85 tanks practiced aiming at a practice target representing a tank on the Neumuehle troop training grounds. *

* Comment. [redacted] tank, artillery, and engineer units of the 12th Gds Tank Div had been engaged in practices in the area north of Neuruppin on 1 and 12 August. The exercises in the present report appear to have extended as far as the Rheinsberg area. It is

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believed that the figures regarding weapons and caliber are estimated too high. This was also reported [redacted] comment of the reference report which contained similar information. Difficulties regarding the penetration of the wooded area [redacted]

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[redacted] because of dust clouds, which were previously mentioned, are probably the reasons [redacted] motor vehicle [redacted]

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[redacted] again, the practices were held by elements of the 12th Jds Tank Div. Therefore, it is probable that major components of this division engaged in field exercises in the area between Neuruppin and Rheinsberg.

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